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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,779,634
- AB United States Patent No. 5,671,353
- AL European Application 0 973 116
- AM European Application 0 380 966
- AN European Application 0 258 976
- AO PCT Application WO 98/19447
- AR "Bildgebende Systeme für die Medizinische Diagnostik,"
Morneburg, Ed. (1995), pages 684-697
- AS Patent Abstracts of Japan - 08161461 A - Application Number
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- AT Patent Abstracts of Japan - 11085888 - Publication 30/03/99

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AR was identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference. A translation of Reference AR is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification, constitute a summary of its teachings.

The remaining references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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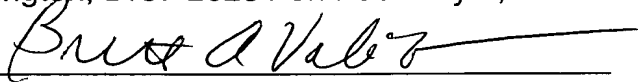
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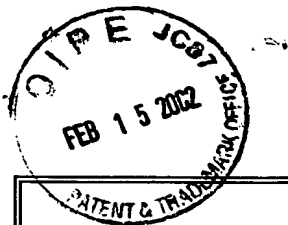
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	Bildgebende Systeme für die Medizinische Diagnostik - Morneburg pages 684-697
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